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## Message From Your President



I typically spend a fair amount of time thinking about what to write for the next President's letter. I may spend a week or so on various topics before I feel I have something worthwhile and worthy of my predecessor's scrutiny. As I was relaxing on my couch last week with the television on, pen and paper in hand ready to put the finishing touches on my newsletter (I'm a bit old school), my attention was directed to an Oregon Public Broadcasting documentary on the 70th anniversary of D-Day. The program was called "Day of Days" and included first-hand accounts from veterans of the D-Day invasion. It was an extraordinarily moving and inspiring piece. After the show, I put my draft down and decided to throw out the conventional idea of a President's letter and tell a quick story of pursuing one's dreams. After all, the sacrifices of our men and women in the military have made pursuing our dreams possible for all of us, right?

Most of my father's childhood friends during the time of the US involvement in WWII joined the military as soon as they were eligible, as did thousands of others. My father joined the Navy at age 17, and when he saw the PT boats he immediately signed up. After his training, he was stationed in the Mediterranean and served out his time on a PT boat. Although my father never talked about the war, he would recount how much he loved the PT boat, its raw power, and the camaraderie of his mates. For reasons only known to my dad, it left an indelible mark on him.

After the war, the old skipper of my father's PT boat convinced him to visit Portland, Oregon. It wasn't long afterwards that he relocated from his home in Massachusetts. After he landed his first job in Portland, he discovered his manager had been on a PT boat in the Pacific. They became best friends for life and planted the seed for their dream.

Nearly 20 years ago, a group of WWII veterans, including my father, his best friend and a few other local PT boat alumni, found an original PT boat in Oakland that the owner was willing to sell. After getting it barged up to Portland, work began to completely restore the boat to its original condition, including the three V-12 Packard engines (1200 horsepower each), the machine guns, and even the original torpedoes - thankfully not live. The last thing Portland needed was a bunch of old retired Navy guys zipping around the Columbia River with live ammunition.

After 15 years of methodically piecing the 78-foot wooden boat back together, PT 658 had a new lease on life as did my father, his best friend and the other veterans who wanted one last ride, a taste of their youth, and the well-earned right to fulfill their dream. I was fortunate enough to work on the PT boat on my days off and was awed by the spirit and sheer determination of everyone who made the restoration happen - bit by bit, year by year.

So we should all be thankful that we can, individually or collectively, pursue our own dreams - no matter how long it takes.

What's a story without pictures? Below is the completed PT boat.

All the best.



## Award National Tour

The IFMA Council Award for Programs and Professional Development arrived at Cleary Gottlieb's 2000 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC. office and spent several weeks on display in Charlene Fischer's office.





## **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

David Cruz, one of the Council's newest members, is Director of Facilities at Butler Rubin Saltarelli & Boyd LLP, a boutique litigation firm in Chicago. Before joining Butler Rubin in 1999 as a clerk David worked at three other law firms in Chicago. In the early 2000s David was asked to manage a build out. Due to his success he was subsequently asked to work on another project, assisting with space planning, design and overseeing the build out for new space. He was also given responsibility for negotiating and managing copier, supply and other vendor contracts and managing library services.

David and his wife have a 13 year old daughter and a 9 year old son whom he coaches in soccer, flag football, baseball and basketball. When he has time to himself he enjoys riding motorcycles and driving his muscle car.

When asked what motivated him to join IFMA and the Legal Industries Council David said "It's a great way to connect with peers and to keep up on the latest trends in the facilities management field."

Welcome to the Council, David!

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## **COUNCIL WEBINAR RECORDING**

### **Rethinking the Legal Workspace – Repositioning Your Workplace for the Future**

On Thursday, June 12, Steve Martin, a Principal in Gensler's Washington, DC office and a firm wide leader of Gensler's Global Law Firm Practice presented "*Rethinking the Legal Workspace*" to the Legal Industry Council. His presentation topics included:

- What is driving the radical change in law office design?
- What are the workplace strategies that your competitors are implementing?
- What if your workplace supported how you WANT to work?
- How can the workplace better support changing secretarial needs and work flow?
- What if you could adapt and reconfigure your workplace with ease as needs change?
- How can you craft the best strategy for YOUR firm's culture?
- What do you need to know to position your firm for the future?

To see and hear the entire presentation, <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/407311927>

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## Up Coming Events



# IFMA's World Workplace

The Facility Conference & Expo

Sept. 17-19, 2014 | New Orleans, LA, USA

Spend Time with Members of the Legal Industry Council at World Workplace in New Orleans

We hope to see you at World Workplace in September. Join us for lunch in the Expo Hall each day and for dinner Thursday evening. You'll receive additional information about these opportunities to meet, talk and network with fellow members in the weeks to come.

[CLICK HERE](#) to join the LIC group on Linked In and follow pertinent discussions



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## Sustainability Community: Find answers and help others

Have you visited IFMA's updated [Sustainability Community](#)? This online community is open to all members and offers the opportunity to collaborate in planning and implementing strategic sustainability programs.

- Post a question;
- View downloads in the fileshare;
- Participate in peer-to-peer discussions;
- Comment on a blog.

We have openings for moderators, guest bloggers, greeters and community champions.

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The IFMA Community provides a place for users to post and generate discussion on either a general or specific topic and to learn from the collective wisdom of peers.

Community volunteer opportunities:

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- Regular contributor
- Volunteer moderator
- Subject matter expert
- Share ideas, expertise, best practices



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